

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Vigil Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
First Friday 4pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Friday after morning Mass; irst Friday 3.30pm; Saturday 9:30am (after morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptism Preparation - 9.30am second and fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first and third Sunday of the month . Please contact the parish office for more information.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am
Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am)
Thursday 7.30pm-8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR
Enquiries: 4341 3367
Practice Wednesday nights in the church @ 7pm

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Turn to the Lord in your need; and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 21st July 2019
Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Keep Us In Your Prayers *OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF*
Recently Deceased: Jack Pickering, Michael Kelly, Sr Anne Derwin RSJ.
Anniversaries: Jules Stanislas, Bon & Eileen Anderson, Melvie Carkeek, Emmie Carkeek, Albert Snell, Marcus McNamara, Nellie Brown.
Remembrances: Bugeja Family, Grima Family, Catania Family, Doris Galea, Judith Goodacre, Mary & George Hilliard, Hilliard Brothers, Kevin Mills, the Mills family, Bernie Hanna, Leslie Denning, Valerie Price.
Sick: Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Pam Player, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Paul Hennessy, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Carolynn Jupp, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Mary Dolan, John Corrigan, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Josie Weate, Andrew Muggs, Ernie Mullins, Sheila Houghton, Brian Jordan, Chrissy Toms, Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Larry Creswell.

"Do not become upset when difficulty comes your way. Laugh in its face and know that you are in the hands of God."
St. Francis de Sales



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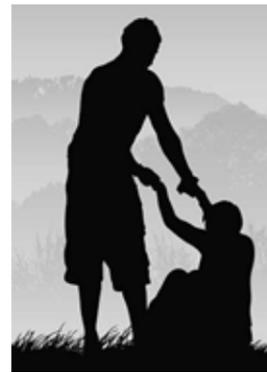
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult & Child Faith Formation



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th July, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 3)
Gospel Reflection © Richard Leonard SJ



Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies. Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters.

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret!

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.

Parish News...

Cuppa and a Chat: A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room, due 15th July, 1.00pm-2.30pm. If you would like to join us phone Pat on 0403 672 077. Transport provided.

Bus Trip: to the Hunter Valley Wednesday, 24th July, leaving 8:45am, morning tea supplied, cost \$20. Contact Susie Casey 0403 417 639.

Patients Admission to Gosford Private Hospital: If any parishioners, family or friends are to be admitted to the hospital and if they wish to receive Holy Communion on Sunday morning, please ensure that you complete the question on the Admission Form that asks "Religion" and tick the box "Religious Visit". Alternatively please ask a relative/friend to contact the Wyoming parish office on 4324 3962 to request a hospital visit. We have been advised by the hospital that their policy has been reviewed because of the Privacy Act and we are not able to visit a patient unless the patient specifically requests it.

Our Parish Courtesy Bus is not equipped to carry walkers safely. We regret that patrons are not permitted to carry walkers onto our bus. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Walkers are retained by the Church for use by patrons of the Courtesy Bus who would need them when they arrive at the Church for Mass.



Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 19/7/19: Pam Hickey, Elena Egan, Kathleen Cullen, Reg Harrington.

Children's Liturgy 21/7/19: Marian Bowyer, Mary Wood, Rebecca Beisler.

Tax Invoices are available from the gathering table. Please remember Planned Giving is not tax deductible. Only receipts for CWF are issued by the Parish.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursday afternoons from 2-3pm and Monday evenings 6-7pm, in the Leo Mahon room. All welcome!

The St Edward's College Year 10 graduation class of 1994 is having a 25th anniversary reunion on Sunday 22 September 2019. The reunion commences at the College, 13 Frederick Street, East Gosford with a tour of the latest facilities from 11:30am to 12:30 pm (arrive from 11am) and continues with lunch at The Boatshed, Gosford Sailing Club from 1pm (Lunch served 1:30pm). Bring the family and catch up with old classmates. Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at www.trybooking.com/BCWLA. Any catering/dietary requirements can be advised when purchasing tickets. Please RSVP by purchasing your tickets by Sunday 1st September 2019. For Further information, please contact Jeff Freeman on 0419 691 572. Hope to see you all there!

St John the Baptist Parish & School
Dinner Dance

17th AUGUST, @ THE SCHOOL HALL, 7pm

Music from the 80's & 90's.

Glass of champagne on arrival.

Ticket includes:

Pre-dinner nibbles, meal & after dinner treats.

BYO drinks.



Tickets \$45 from parish or school offices.
Money to be paid by Friday, 2nd August.

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay



THE GIFT OF HOPE

CELEBRATION MASS & LAUNCH

You are invited to celebrate CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay and the launch of our new Strategic Directions at a special mass and morning tea.

When: **Thursday 18 July 2019**

Where: St John the Baptist Church, 54 Victoria Road, Woy Woy

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am including morning tea

Mass will be celebrated by Father David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall across the road, where we will officially launch our "Strategic Directions 2019 - 2022". The event will conclude by 11.30am.

If you are unable to attend Mass but would like to join us just for the morning tea and launch, please arrive at 10.30am to Walter Baker Hall at 100 Blackwall Road (opposite the church).

Our "Strategic Directions 2019 - 2022" articulate how we provide 'the gift of hope' through our work at CatholicCare.



The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

*The Catenians have been asked to
consider coming to the Central Coast.*

Jesus often invited his followers to share a meal with him. He was sociable. We want to share a meal with you. We invite parishioners to come to an introductory dinner to hear the Catenian story. The dinner is no charge to you. Pulpit invitations have begun. The dinner will be held at the Davistown RSL Club on Thursday 18th July. The dinner is by invitation only. To receive an invitation please contact Chris Vale via sms 0410434840 or email cvale@bigpond.net.au. I look forward to meeting you.

Cash Housie every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.20pm, cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

St John the Baptist Youth Group:

Held once a fortnight during school terms for high school students (Years 7-12), in the Leo Mahon Room. For more information, contact Matthew French on 0411 792 587.

St Vincent de Paul Society on the Peninsula assist and give a hand up to people in need. We have two Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or office work. We always welcome new Volunteers to our Conference. Please ring Ken 0400 335 351 or Pat 0403 672 077.

"Mary Mac's Place" Hospitality: volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact 4341 0584.

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